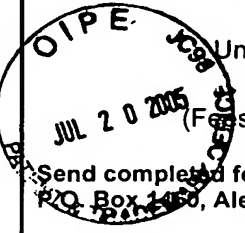


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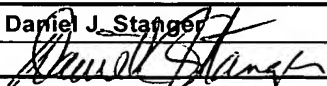
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 10/817,608

Filed: April 2, 2004

For: FILE SYSTEM

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 CFR §1.102(MPEP §708.02)**

MS Petition

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 20, 2005

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to make the above-identified application special in accordance with 37 CFR §1.102(d). Pursuant to MPEP §708.02(VIII), Applicants state the following.

(A) This Petition is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(h).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

(B) All claims are directed to a single invention.

If the Office determines that all claims are not directed to a single invention, Applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status in conformity with established telephone restriction practice.

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(C) A pre-examination search has been conducted.

The search was directed towards a storage system. In particular, the search was directed towards to the invention set forth in claims 1-22. According to claim 1, the invention is a computer system comprising: a first computer that receives access requests to files from at least one client computer; a first storage device system that is connected to the first computer and stores file management information; a second computer that receives access requests to data from the first computer; a second storage device system that is connected to the second computer and shares file data; and a network the connects to the at least one client computer, the first computer and the second computer, wherein. upon receiving file data from the at least one client computer, the first computer assigns first identification information to the file data, and stores the file data in the second storage device system through the second computer, the first storage device system stores the first identification information assigned to the file data by the first computer and a file name of a file having the file data assigned by the at least one client computer, upon receiving a write request to the file from the at least one client computer, the first computer assigns to write data received from the at least one client computer with the write request second identification information different from the first identification information assigned to the file data of the file stored in the second storage device system, the first computer stores the write data, through the second computer, in a storage region within the

second storage device system that is different from a storage region that stores the file data already stored in the second storage device system, and the first computer correlates the second identification information to the filename of the file and to the first identification information and stores the second identification in the first storage device system.

The search of the above features was conducted in the following areas:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Subclasses</u>
707	100, 200
709	245
711	100
717	127
719	318

Additionally, a computer database search was conducted on the USPTO systems EAST and WEST.

(D) The following is a list of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims:

<u>U.S. Patent Number</u>	<u>Inventors</u>
6263491	Hunt
<u>U.S. Patent Application Publication No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
2003/0208625	Nishio et al
2004/0237093	Sluiman et al
2005/0027718	Sakaguchi et al

A copy of each of these references (as well as other references uncovered during the search) is enclosed in an accompanying IDS.

(E) It is submitted that the present invention is patentable over the references for the following reasons.

It is submitted that the cited references, whether taken individually or in combination with each other, fail to teach or suggest the invention as claimed. In particular, the cited references, at a minimum, fail to teach or suggest in combination with the other limitations recited in the claims:

a first feature of the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 1, 10 and 19 of assigning by the first computer to write data, received from at least one client computer with the write request, second identification information different from first identification information assigned to the file data of the file stored in the second storage device system, correlating by the first computer the second identification information to the file name of the file and to the first identification information and storing the second identification information in the first storage device system, and

a second feature of the present invention as recited in independent claim 21 of storing by the first computer in the first storage device system, the first identification information and a file name of a file having the file data designated by the at least one client computer and storing by the second computer the file data in the second storage device.

To the extent applicable to the present Petition, Applicants submit that although the distinguishing feature(s) may represent a substantial portion of the claimed invention, the claimed invention including said feature(s) and their inter-

operation provides a novel storage system and system and method related to or implemented in or by said storage system not taught or suggested by any of the references of record.

The references considered most closely related to the claimed invention are briefly discussed below:

Hunt (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,491) discloses computer 20 connected to a remote computer 5. A first hard drive 27 is connected to the first computer 20. A second memory storage 49 is connected to the remote computer 5. Class identifiers are 128-bit globally unique identifiers (GUIDs). The GUIDs are created with a COM service named "CoCreateGUID". The interfaces of a component are also immutably associated with interface identifiers (IIDs), which are also 128-bit GUIDs. (See, e.g., Abstract, column 9, lines 23-54; and Figures 1-8).

However, unlike the present invention, Hunt does not teach or suggest the first storage device system stores the first identification information assigned to the file data by the first computer and a file name of a file having the file data assigned by the at least one client computer, and upon receiving a write request to the file from the at least one client computer, the first computer assigns to write data received from the at least one client computer with the write request second identification information different from the first identification information assigned to the file data of the file stored in the second storage device system.

Furthermore, Hunt does not teach or suggest the first computer stores the write data, through the second computer, in a storage region within the second storage device system that is different from a storage region that stores the file

data already stored in the second storage device system, and the first computer correlates the second identification information to the filename of the file and to the first identification information and stores the second identification in the first storage device system.

More particularly, Hunt does not teach or suggest the above described first feature of the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 1, 10 and 19, and the above described second feature of the present invention as recited in independent claim 21 in combination with the other limitations recited in each of the independent claims.

Nishio (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0208625) discloses a first information providing unit 1011 and a broadcasting station 102. Each contents stored in a content storing portion 202 is assigned a unique identification name. The identification names and information of locations of contents are stored in a name registering portion 204. A resolution executing portion 402 has a correlation table 603 that correlates identifier names of contents and file names in a storing unit 303. (See, e.g., Abstract, paragraphs 52-55, 59 and Figures 1-4).

However, unlike the present invention, Nishio does not teach or suggest upon receiving a write request to the file from the at least one client computer, the first computer assigns to write data received from the at least one client computer with the write request second identification information different from the first identification information assigned to the file data of the file stored in the second storage device system.

Furthermore, Nishio do not teach or suggest the first computer stores the write data, through the second computer, in a storage region within the second storage device system that is different from a storage region that stores the file data already stored in the second storage device system.

More particularly, Nishio does not teach or suggest the above described first feature of the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 1, 10 and 19, and the above described second feature of the present invention as recited in independent claim 21 in combination with the other limitations recited in each of the independent claims.

Sluiman (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0237093) discloses a computer system 100 adapted to communicate with other computing devices 100A. A transport correlator comprises transported information via transport 320. The transport correlator mainly comprises two components: a Globally Unique Correlator and a globally unique identifier (GUID) for the event and sequencing counters. The GUID identifies an event. The GUID is used as a key to associate one or more extensible correlators of correlation data. The transport correlator is configured to transport the GUID for associating with a GUID of a second event. (See, e.g., Abstract, paragraphs 20, 27-30, 36, 52 and Figures 3, and 5A-5D).

However, unlike the present invention, Sluiman does not teach or suggest a file name of a file having the file data assigned by the at least one client computer, and upon receiving a write request to the file from the at least one client computer, the first computer assigns to write data received from the at least one client computer with the write request second identification information

different from the first identification information assigned to the file data of the file stored in the second storage device system.

Furthermore, Sluiman does not teach or suggest the first computer stores the write data, through the second computer, in a storage region within the second storage device system that is different from a storage region that stores the file data already stored in the second storage device system.

More particularly, Sluiman does not teach or suggest the above described first feature of the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 1, 10 and 19, and the above described second feature of the present invention as recited in independent claim 21 in combination with the other limitations recited in each of the independent claims.

Sakaguchi (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0027718) discloses a file management method having a controller 12 for receiving requests from a client machine #10. A first storage device #0 is connected to the first controller 12 and stores file management information. A second storage device #1 is connected to a second controller 22 and stores file data. A network 10 connects to a first storage device #0 and to a second storage device #1. The first storage device #0 is equipped with a disk 14 for storing files in a form of data and a first GUID management database DB 13. The GUID management DB 13 may be stored in a disk 14 or may be stored in a disk other than the first storage device #0. The storage device #0 and the second storage device #1 write the disks 14, 24 in response to local accesses from client machines #10, #11. The GUID given to a file is an identifier for identifying a file uniquely on a distributed

storage system. File A of the first storage device #0 is given GUID=10001, the file B is given GUID=10002. Similarly, the files D to F of the second storage device #1 are given GUID=20001 to 20003 respectively. The Globally Unique Identifiers (GUIDs) allocation DB 3 (of NIS server 1) and the GUID management DBs 13, 23 are managed to correlating the storage device number and the GUID block. (See, e.g., Abstract and paragraphs 29-32, 35-37, 44-49, 56, 60, 65-66, 93 and Figures 2-13).

However, unlike the present invention, Sakaguchi does not teach or suggest upon receiving a write request to the file from the at least one client computer, the first computer assigns to write data received from the at least one client computer with the write request second identification information different from the first identification information assigned to the file data of the file stored in the second storage device system.

More particularly, Sakaguchi does not teach or suggest the above described first feature of the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 1, 10 and 19, and the above described second feature of the present invention as recited in independent claim 21 in combination with the other limitations recited in each of the independent claims.

Therefore, since the cited references fail to teach or the above described first feature of the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 1, 10 and 19, and the above described second feature of the present invention as recited in independent claim 21 in combination with the other limitations recited in each of the independent claims, it is submitted that all of the claims are

patentable over the cited references whether said references are taken individually or in combination with each other.

(F) Conclusion

Applicant has conducted what it believes to be a reasonable search, but makes no representation that "better" or more relevant prior art does not exist. The United States Patent and Trademark Office is urged to conduct its own complete search of the prior art, and to thoroughly examine this application in view of the prior art cited herein and any other prior art that the United States Patent and Trademark Office may locate in its own independent search. Further, while Applicant has identified in good faith certain portions of each of the references listed herein in order to provide the requisite detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references, the United States Patent and Trademark Office should not limit its review to the identified portions but rather, is urged to review and consider the entirety of each reference, and not to rely solely on the identified portions when examining this application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted and that the application undergo the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02 VIII.

(G) Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(h))

The fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is to be paid by:

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